



Anzovino Inquest

Expected to last four weeks in Welland

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Spooky music



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Baron Drive resident Shawn Turner and his son Dustin stand with one of the skeleton replicas of music legends the local family displays every year at Halloween. Other performers included Janis Joplin and Jerry Garcia from the Grateful Dead. Shawn takes a week off from work every year to prepare the band. All the figures in the display are operated by small engines.

Need for meetings?

Shular wants to know if residents need more access to their councillor

Kris Dubé
The Times

Is there a demand for public forums held by local politicians?

This is a question asked by Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular, following a public meeting held by his colleague John Hill (Ward 4) last week.

Shular feels it was a good idea on Hill's behalf and wants to know if his own constituents would like him to put himself out in the open for public dialogue in a similar fashion.

Conversations with local residents are often initiated through phone calls and crossing paths with individuals around town, but he wants to know if people in Ward 2 want more access to their councillor.

"It would really be interesting to know," said Shular.

"I commend him for having the forethought to hold this meeting," he added.

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Investigators with the Ministry of Health who looked into the actions of paramedics in relation to the death of Reilly Anzovino ruled there was a "preventable delay" in getting the critically injured young woman to hospital.

An Inquest Into the two-car crash on Boxing Day 2009 that claimed the life of the Fort Erie teenager heard in Welland court Thursday that 14 minutes elapsed between the time paramedics arrived at the Highway 3 crash and the time she was loaded into an ambulance.

From there, she lay on a stretcher in the back of the vehicle for 16 minutes before it set out for Welland County General Hospital.

Court was told two investigators with the Ministry of Health examined the inci-

dent and determined there was a preventable delay in leaving the scene of the collision as well as a "lack of record keeping."

Brandon Mackay, a paramedic with Niagara Emergency Medical Services and the first paramedic on the scene that night, testified 'steps have been taken' by Niagara EMS to address the ministry's concerns.

Also on Thursday, the jury heard two experts from London Health Sciences Centre conducted an independent investigation of the matter in early 2010 on behalf of Niagara EMS.

Their report states a "reasonable level of care was provided to Miss Anzovino that night."

The authors of the report are scheduled to testify at a later date.

Wayne Redekop, who is representing the Anzovino family at the inquest, asked Mackay if any disciplinary

action was taken against the paramedics involved.

Before he could answer, Dr. Jack Stanborough, the coroner presiding over the inquest, said disciplinary action was not among the issues to be examined during the inquest.

The inquest is focussing on two key issues: whether or not the conversion of the emergency rooms at Douglas Memorial Hospital and Port Colborne General Hospital to urgent care centres play a role in the death as well as an examination of the pre-hospital treatment Anzovino received at the scene and in the ambulance.

Redekop questioned Mackay on whether the paramedics' actions that night reflected an appropriate level of urgency.

"The family is very concerned, as much as I be if it was an ambulance in the back of an ambulance that there seemed to be a less than

urgent response to get that ambulance from the scene to the hospital."

"I don't agree," Mackay replied.

Court was told Ontario paramedics are directed to comply with basic life support standards issued by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

According to the standards, paramedics are expected to limit on scene time to 10 minutes, meaning a patient is to be loaded into an ambulance and be on their way to a hospital within that time.

That time limit, Mackay said, is not always possible, especially if a patient has to be extricated from a motor vehicle.

Due to changes in medical directives, new procedures and equipment, Mackay said that time frame is often 'unrealistic.'

Mackay said he would support a review of current standards.

"I do agree a revision should be looked at," he told court.

Anzovino was taken to the Welland hospital as it was the closest appropriate emergency room.

While the Erie

County Medical Centre near Buffalo, N.Y., is the nearest trauma centre and most well-equipped to handle critically injured patients, Mackay said it would have taken more than 30 minutes to drive to the U.S. hospital.

Since the closure of the ERs at Port Colborne and Fort Erie, the jury was told, Niagara EMS has experienced a sharp increase in what is referred to as "off-load delays" at the Welland hospital.

Off-load delays are defined as the amount of time an ambulance must wait at a hospital before patient care is transferred to hospital staff.

"Every day is different, but in a worst case scenario, there have been five or six ambulances waiting for clearance from hospital staff," Mackay said.

He said paramedics have waited up to five hours to unload patients at the Welland site.

Also, ambulance crews are unable to attend to additional calls while waiting at the hospital.

Mackay, who had spent almost two days on the witness stand, said he was shaken up by Anzovino's death.

"When I signed up for this job, I was well aware of what

I was signing up for," he said.

"But, when it's someone young, it's hard. In this particular case, I've been dealing with this for 22 months now. I can't imagine what the family is going through, but I'm shaken up by this every day."

On Tuesday, the inquest jury heard from a firefighter who was at the scene.

"She kept saying, 'I think I'm going to die. I think I'm going to die,'" said Kevin Cudmore, a volunteer with the Fort Erie Fire Department.

Cudmore and his brother Jason, who is also a volunteer firefighter, were among the first firefighters to arrive at the scene.

Jason Cudmore testified he and his brother approached a mangled Chevrolet Cavalier and saw a paramedic in the back seat.

The paramedic had a cervical brace around Anzovino's neck and was trying to hold her head steady.

Jason Cudmore said he leaned into the car's open window and lifted Anzovino up and eased her over the vehicle's centre console to the driver's side where she was placed on the back board.

Based on the "S" shape of her body inside the car, Jason said he believed the young woman had suffered serious injuries.

"I was surprised she wasn't screaming out in pain, but at the same time she was going in and out of consciousness."

Anzovino was placed in an ambulance and Kevin Cudmore climbed into the ambulance to assist the paramedics.

He testified that it seemed to him that the ambulance stayed at the scene for some time before leaving for the Welland General Hospital.

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Public engagement helps with decisions, says Steckley

Some members of council rather open to idea of public forums

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Although Shular was unable to attend Hill's forum at the Fort Erie Public Library's Crystal Ridge branch last Thursday, he has heard it was conducted in a "professional" manner, which he says is the only way a meeting like this can be effective.

"Anything like that, it's what you need to do," said Shular, who would like to hear feedback on whether or not residents would like him to schedule a meeting in the near future.

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero is satisfied with the method of having regular conversation with

individuals through phone calls, emails and one-on-one conversations, saying that he hasn't heard any complaints from residents that he hasn't made himself available.

"I try to do the best I can to communicate with my constituents on a daily basis," said Passero.

But if the people would like him to hold a meeting like the one hosted by Hill last week, he would be all for it.

"In my opinion, I haven't heard otherwise... but if the demand was there, I would absolutely consider it," he said.

He did say that if there were multiple issues in his ward receiving a lot of attention from the public at the same time that would be a favourable time to welcome questions in an open forum.

But for now, he will continue with the course he has been on since being elected last October.

"At this point in time, I'm comfortable with how I've been doing things," said Passero.

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley said he would gladly hold a public meeting to discuss local issues, especially with so much to consider in the near future like the future of the Kinsmen Pool, the Canadian Motor Speedway and the Town of Fort Erie's 2012 budget.

Although matters in his area are of high importance, he says the discussion shouldn't be limited to just Ward 3... but all of Greater Fort Erie.

"It's important to find out how people feel about other issues," said Steckley.

But overall, he welcomes the idea.

"Anytime you can engage the public, it's going to help the decision-making process."

Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard said he wouldn't



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— Mayor Doug Martin

hesitate to welcome residents into a question and answer period in a public setting.

He expects to hold one in early 2012, somewhere around when it is anticipated the Stevensville neighbourhood plan will be brought before council.

Collard says Hill's meeting is an ideal way to communicate with the people.

"I think it's a great idea," he said.

But the Stevensville representative says discussion shouldn't just be specific to Ward 6, but include many other issues around Greater Fort Erie.

"I think we should touch on everything we talk about," said Collard.

Mayor Doug Martin has no issue with councillors holding public meetings, as he held one back in the 1980s when he was first elected to council.

As the mayor, he doesn't find it necessary to hold one, because that's what Monday night meetings at the chambers are for.

"It would be more advantageous for councillors to do this," he said.

The mayor also feels there should be a fair balance of people at these forums to keep the conversation objective and with a hearty debate.

"You have to make sure it's a good cross-section of

people... not just your supporters and not just your enemies," said Martin.

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts agrees it was a good idea for Hill to hold the meeting, but it was his own prerogative to do so.

"It's a decision the councillor would have to make," said Lubberts.

But at the same time, local politicians like Lubberts, do have regular dialogue with the people and he says that has been effective up until this point. He believes there is no reason to make these question and answer periods mandatory.

"People call you anyway," he said.

To contact Shular, who is asking for feedback, he can be reached at (905) 871-5579.

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Students Mac Core, Nick Iannarelli, Ivory Kirk, Matthew Pearson and Kayley Teal checking out the Zamboni at the Leisurplex on Take Your Kids to Work Day.

Students get a glimpse of working world

➤ About 3,000 Niagara grade nine students participate

Kris Dubé
The Times

Approximately 3,000 grade nine students around Niagara took a break from a classroom setting on Wednesday, to get a glimpse of the working world.

It was Take Your Kids to Work Day and one of the participating businesses was the Town of Fort Erie, as five students from three high schools were given a tour of Town Hall and the Leisurplex and spoke to

senior staff about the importance of their future and what they can do to get a headstart.

Facilities supervisor Derek Teal brought along his daughter Kayley, a student at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School, for the day... and he was proud to show her and the other students what goes on at the Town.

"It's great because my daughter gets to see what I do everyday," he said. Before checking out the Zamboni at the Leisurplex, the group of young learners took a walk through Town Hall and found out more about the building's accessibility and how important it is.

"They learned about how we try to incorporate that into our customer service," said Teal.

Throughout the region, at many different places of business, students experienced a plethora of career options like what it takes to become a police officer, work on a makeshift assembly line, develop a mock sales presentation or work in the IT department for a large corporation.

"It's an opportunity to help students understand what their parents do for a living. It's also a first glimpse during high school into the different careers that they may consider after they graduate," said Pauline Carroll, project co-ordinator of the Business Education Council (BEC) of Niagara's school career connections division.

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The vehicle then travelled approximately 150 metres along Ridge Road with the cyclist first on the hood, then on the roof of the automobile.

The cyclist was then thrown off the vehicle when the driver applied the brakes. Fortunately, the cyclist sustained only minor injuries.

He was treated and released by Emergency Medical Services personnel at the scene.

The driver of the vehicle is a young person and under the provision of the Youth Criminal Justice Act cannot

be named.

The young male has been charged with one count each of assault with a weapon, dangerous driving and breach of probation. He is being held for a bail hearing in St. Catharines.

The Niagara Regional Police are asking anyone who witnessed this incident to please contact investigators at 905-871-2300 extension 2300.

Santa Claus Parade next Saturday

Dress warm, bring your smiles and be ready to be entertained at the 39th Greater Fort Erie Santa Claus parade Saturday, November 12.

The parade is hosted by the Historic Bridgeburg Improvement Association (BBIA) in partnership with Fort Erie Festivals.

A welcome addition to this year's parade is the entertainment by the ABS Crew, performing acrobatics on stilts. The Blue Saints, an open class drum and bugle corps from Sudbury will fill the streets with music. The Hitmen, a four time world drum corps ensemble champions, and crowd favourite will return, as well as, many community bands, array of horses, dog dance troupes, walking groups, heavy equipment, and Santa himself.

"The parade continues to be a success, and it is

because of this great community," Flo Odding, Fort Erie Festivals manager and Santa Claus parade committee volunteer said. "The community has been instrumental with their support, and donations with whatever they could give whether cash, product or door prizes for our fundraisers."

The parade starts at 2 pm at the Fort Erie Racetrack (overflow parking lot), travelling onto Catherine Street, left onto Central Avenue, turning right onto Jarvis Street.

The BBIA will host a free pre-parade block party at the post office on Jarvis Street starting at noon with refreshments, carnival games, give-a-ways and entertainment.

The float winners will be announced after the parade, as well as a Battle of the Bands, at the post office.

The Greater Fort Erie firemen will be collecting food

donations along the parade route for Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE), the local food bank.

Four years ago the parade's future was in jeopardy as Winterfest, the organizers of the parade, as well as, different winter events, closed its doors. With the support of the Town of Fort Erie, community-minded sponsors, a couple volunteers and a very small budget the parade continued. Make this fun-filled day a part of your family's tradition, as Greater Fort Erie has made this parade a part of theirs.

Behind the mask



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Garrett Hum and Ethan Rotes sat on the steps of Bertie Hall, formerly known as the Mahoney's Dolls House Museum, last Saturday. After visiting what is considered one of Fort Erie's most haunted sites, they made their way down to Jarvis Street for the Bridgeburg BIA Halloween Haunt, where local businesses helped trick or treaters fill their bags with candy.

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our editorial

Let councillors know what you think about meetings

Give your councillor a call.

Last week's editor's notebook congratulated Ward 4 Coun. John Hill for holding a public meeting to discuss local issues with his constituents.

It was attended by mostly supporters, but also people who have been critical of him in the past.

Nobody was turned away and it was a well-orchestrated discussion.

This sparked a question this week on whether or not all members of council should hold similar forums.

We aren't necessarily taking a position on this, saying that all local politicians should follow with one of their own... but if residents would

like to attend something like this held by their ward's representative then it's time to speak up.

Give your councillor a phone call or email if you'd like to see this.

It is true that matters can be addressed in a one-on-one setting and as some councillors said in the story you have already read on the front page, that has been effective to date.

But others are willing to hold a meeting in public and it really is the decision of each councillor if they will conduct one.

Help them with this decision and let them know what you think.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

Thank you to Mary and Peter Waytena who called in to identify last week's photo of an induction ceremony for the Fort Erie Rotary Club. Outgoing president, John Miller (right) is handing over the gavel to incoming president, Fraser Farrell.

This ceremony took

place at Leo's restaurant (now Benner Funeral Home) in 1966-67. Peter Waytena was a Rotary charter member in 1953 and Mary became a member a few years later.

This week's photo also shows a ceremony; this one may have taken place at the Fort Erie Legion Branch 71.

We know from the writing on the back, that the officer on the left is Helen Wade. Can anyone identify the other officers or confirm where it took place?

Please call the Museum at 894-5322 or send an e-mail to museum@forterie.on.ca.

Community needs to show support for Meteors



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

Forget about the Toronto Maple Leafs. It's hockey night in Fort Erie.

Most Saturday nights during the National Hockey League (NHL)'s regular season, sports fans tune into the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)'s telecast of Hockey Night in Canada, which usually consists of the Toronto Maple Leafs taking on another team.

As a Montreal Canadiens fan, I need to take a cheap

shot and explain there is much better hockey than what the Leafs can offer you... right in our own backyard.

The Fort Erie Meteors also play home games on Saturday nights and last week's crowd was one of the best I've seen all year.

It was a mix of local fans and friends and family of the Niagara Falls Canucks roster.

I do enjoy playing a wager or two on sporting events and I would say that the full seats at the Leisureplex last weekend may have played a role in the Meteors pulling off an overtime victory in a high scoring 6-5 match.

If I am right about this, I hope the local community will decide to cheer

on the black and orange this Saturday as they take on the Thorold Blackhawks, one of the Golden Horseshoe Junior Hockey League's top teams.

In interviews with team staff and the leading scorer this week (story on page 11), it's safe to say the Meteors are aware there is room for improvement, but they have already started.

In the 2010-11 standings, the Meteors had a less than exciting season, only winning seven of its 47 games.

It was one to put in the past and it seems that's what the team has done. With a handful of new acquisitions like Jordan Bailey, Jesse Parker and Brock Malatches and a few

others, the team is shaping up rather nicely.

New players, a head coach who is now in his second year behind the bench and an attitude that says 'the Meteors aren't just going to roll over for some of the league's more elite teams' is what is going to win them games.

The season isn't half over yet and they already have five wins in the net after 18 games.

They are tied at the bottom with the Stoney Creek Warriors and are only one point behind the Buffalo Blades.

But saying they are at the "bottom" doesn't really do any justice for the point I'm trying to make.

What I'm skating at, is that the Meteors are

already on pace for a much better season when the postseason arrives and that's all that really matters.

All eight teams in the playoffs and the regular season is really just a precursor for the first series.

If the Meteors can pull off wins against the top teams they are likely to face in the first round...I would say there isn't much to worry about at this point.

So load the kids into the minivan tonight and head down to the Leisureplex and support the Fort Erie Meteors. If my hunch from last Saturday that the large crowd played a role in their win over Niagara Falls, then prove me right

again and show support for a team that has been a part of this town's identity for decades.

It's really important. Before I close, I need to get back to my comments about the Toronto Maple Leafs. Their fans all over are already planning their Stanley Cup celebrations just because they sit near the top of the NHL's eastern conference. Give it a few weeks and they'll be back to their normal style of play, which involves not making the playoffs.

Boy, I hope I'm right on that one. If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at editorial@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

Reader examines letter from last week

Several issues to discuss in response

Dear Editor,

I usually do not answer letters that follow up what I have submitted to the Editor.

However in Mr. Greg Bonito's case I will make an exception because the diatribe he submitted should not go unanswered.

Firstly, Mr. Bonito states he is not anti-"foreign" and then spends the next column showing that he is.

Do you think that its fair the seasonal visitors only pay for sewers and garbage pick-up as you state Mr. Bonito?

If you do then the seasonal visitors should only pay a few hundred dollars in taxes each year for such minor services!

Then of course you state that our lives are impacted when they spend their winters elsewhere and you are busy shoveling sidewalks of snow all winter.

You must live in a prosperous part of town Mr. Bonito, where I live we don't have sidewalks!

Yes, Mr. Bonito I admit I don't agree that Canadian citizens only can vote in local elections.

The law is simply wrong

and similar laws apply in other "foreign" countries.

Everybody who pays taxes on the local level should be able to vote locally, regardless of origin. Its the old American phrase "No taxation without representation."

Moving on to other issues, yes the law should be upheld, but who are the people behind these audits and bingo licence withdrawals?

We know don't we?

Yes, audits were requested for Mayor Martin and Councillor Passero but we both know these were just retaliation for the other audits.

You also mention the Fort Erie Waterfront Preservation Association didn't make one comment about the lighthouse and you are right but neither I believe did the Shorewalk Association.

Also you state Mr. Bonito that the losing mayoral candidate in the last election only received 13 per cent of the votes.

This means the winning candidate only received 13.1 per cent of the votes! Incidentally Mr. Bonito do all items have a return on them?

Do the parks?

The lighthouse will be a valuable asset to the town in time.

In conclusion, I attended Councillor Hill's meeting with Ward 4 residents last week.

There were some people

there who are known supporters, some known detractors and many in between.

All questions were answered by Councillor Hill in a very reasonable manner.

No voices were raised and it was a very good community effort.

Instead of being on Facebook, stating the meeting was cancelled or being held at other hours as you and your friends were, you should have been there. You might have learned something!

Peter Bondsfield
Ridgeway

The TIMES Asks



Debbie Robins



Eli Babcock



Rene Brouillard



Tamara Pierce

"My Dad was a veteran and that's how I honor him."

"They gave up their today for our tomorrow."

"They gave up their lives for our country and kept us free."

"Without them, we wouldn't have the freedom we do."

What do you think?

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Views from 'part-time' resident never disqualified

Dear Editor,

I was surprised to read in the October 29, 2011 edition of The Fort Erie Times, Opinion Page, according to Mr. Greg Bonito, that as a taxpayer, non-resident property owner, I am not qualified "to have a say on issues that impact the residents that live here year round."

Respectfully sit, on several occasions, I have been allowed to speak before council on such matters and have always received the full attention of Mayor Martin, Mayor Redekop, and each and every elect-

ed councillor that served during those respective administrations.

Never, I repeat never, were my views disqualified because I am a "part-time" or "non-voting" resident.

It was always recognized that I was a taxpayer and my views, comments, and suggestions were always respectfully received.

I should add I was always thanked by the mayor and councillors for those presentations.

Further in your letter you state that the property taxes we (part-time residents) pay to the Town "go towards things like gar-

bage removal and sewers."

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Mr. Bonito, I have no idea if you are anti-American or not but either way you are rightfully entitled to be so.

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Ambulance trip to Welland 'seemed like it took forever'

Road described as very icy, like a skating rink

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"It seemed a bit longer than normal," he said. "For me, it's more like I've got her in the ambulance and get her en route to the hospital."

Despite his misgivings about the lag time, Cudmore told the jury that firefighters cannot direct paramedics as they are in charge of the scene.

Firefighters are responsible for removing a patient from a vehicle, and once that is done, the

paramedics take control.

"They are a higher medical authority and we take directions from them," Cudmore said.

He said Anzovino regained consciousness in the ambulance and tried to remove a neck brace, complaining she couldn't breathe.

Cudmore said he tried to calm the 18-year-old, telling her she was going to be OK and that she was on her way to the hospital.

He told the three-woman, two-man jury he wasn't sure how long it took the ambulance to arrive in Welland, but that "it seemed like it took forever."

A few minutes before the ambulance arrived at the hospital, Cudmore noticed that Anzovino's

pupils had constricted.

"Usually that's not a good sign," he told the court, saying the condition typically indicates blood loss.

He immediately told the paramedic, who called the hospital.

"I kept saying, 'Relilly, Relilly. Wake up,'" Cudmore said.

Anzovino never regained consciousness. She was pronounced dead at hospital.

The inquest was called to examine two key issues: Whether or not the conversion of the emergency rooms at Douglas Memorial Hospital and Port Colborne General Hospital to urgent-care centres played a role in the death as well as look at the pre-hospital treatment Anzovino received



Relilly Anzovino

at the scene and in the ambulance.

Firefighter Jean Claude LeLay offered testimony different than that of his fellow firefighters.

He told court Anzovino was alone in the car when he arrived.

While no one told him what to do, he said he was compelled to go over the car.

"I was not given any direct orders, but I didn't want to stand around doing nothing, and clearly, there was someone in need of help," he said.

He said Anzovino was unconscious and had an airway tube in her mouth. He didn't recall seeing a cervical collar around her neck.

He said another firefighter reached through the window and lifted Anzovino towards a paramedic who was now learning into the driver's seat.

LeLay said he was alarmed when he saw Anzovino's right leg from her knee up to her thigh.

"The entire region was purple. It was unlike anything I'd ever seen."

At the time of the crash, LeLay had been on the job for around five months and this was his first time responding to a serious motor vehicle collision.

Meanwhile, several witnesses have testified that the rural roadway was extremely icy on the night of the crash.

"The ground was like a skating rink," LeLay said. "It was like wearing shoes in an arena and trying to walk."

When firefighters were returning to the fire hall, one of the fire rescue trucks lost control on the slippery road.

Const. Michael Korn, a collision investigator with the Ontario Provincial Police, testified he nearly slipped on the ice when he stepped out of his cruiser.

"The road surface was very slippery," he told court.

Based on mathematical formulas, and an examination of information downloaded from the second vehicle's black box, Korn determined the second vehicle was travelling at approximately 85 kilometres per hour shortly before it T-boned the car Anzovino was in.

Tire marks on the road, he added, indicates the Cavalier was travelling in the westbound lane of Highway 3 when it crossed to the south-bound lanes and went into a clockwise rotation and into the path of oncoming traffic.

He said the car likely spun around three or four times before it was struck.

The inquest is expected to last another three weeks and continues on a daily basis in a Welland courthouse.



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From Fort Erie to Broadway

Actor to continue his role as Simon Zealotes in Jesus Christ Superstar

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

When the curtain rises for the first time during the production of Jesus Christ Superstar at New York's Neil Simon Theatre, Lee Siegel says he will be proud to say he began his humble career in Fort Erie.

The actor attended both Fort Erie Public and General Vanier and from the earliest time he could remember, every chance he got, Siegel was in every Christmas pageant and he took every opportunity to sing whenever he could.

He says acting was something he knew he always wanted to do.

After elementary school, Siegel attended Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School where he took part in the drama program.

Even though Siegel never attended acting classes outside of high school, he says he has learned a lot about acting while he performed in high school plays.

The best advice he says he could give anybody who wants to act for a living is to be a professional no matter what the job is—even if it is a small stage in a high school auditorium.

"When performing high school plays, it doesn't matter what you are doing, it's always important to treat everyone with respect."

After he graduated in 1998, Siegel—who was 18 at the time—went right to work for

Oh Canada Eh, a theatre on Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. He spent a decade working there as an actor, writer and director.

Siegel says it was one of the best places he could ever work because it gave him an opportunity to learn even more about his craft.

With every show, and every script, Siegel says acting on stage is the best way to learn about the craft hands on.

"With every show it's like being in a classroom."

It was a tough gig for Siegel—he says he spent many nights sleeping in the dressing room because there was too much to do and not enough hours in the day for rehearsing and writing.

"In the back of my head, I kept telling myself I am doing my job. What gets me through the rough patches is that I remember being one of the kids in the audience and being inspired by what was happening on stage."

After working at Oh Canada Eh, the actor made his way to the Stratford Festival.

At the time Siegel was

directing his own musical On The Radio for Oh Canada Eh when he started rehearsals for Stratford.

"When I joined, I was so excited just to be a part of Stratford. Stratford is the Broadway of Canada."

Now that he is headed to Broadway, Siegel will carry on his role as Simon Zealotes in Stratford's rendition of Jesus Christ Superstar written by Andrew Lloyd Webber when it makes its debut on March 22.

In the meantime, Siegel still has a lot to do—after Jesus Christ Superstar finishes its run at the Stratford Festival this week, the show will make its way to La Jolla Playhouse in California where it will run from Nov. 18 to Dec. 31.

Then it's off to the big apple for rehearsals on Feb. 6.

He is excited about making it to New York because it has been a long-time dream of his.

"I always said I was one day going to do it. I'm only 33 years old—to get to this point now is awesome."

And his parents are thrilled about their son

heading to New York to act on stage. Siegel says his parents have always been supportive of his acting and they are proud to tell everyone their son is headed for one of most well-known stages in the acting world.

"I'm pretty sure my mom told everyone in the neighbourhood and then she went to the bank and told the bank teller," Siegel laughs.

Even though he has the chance of a lifetime, Siegel says he loves his job so much he would still be satisfied if he was only doing community theatre—acting on Broadway is just the icing on the cake.

"At the end of the day, it's another theatre with another show and another step forward."

Fans can track Siegel's journey by liking his Facebook page—the actor will answer questions, post photos and updates.



Fort Erie native Lee Siegel will be heading to Broadway in New York City in March.

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Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor and Peace Bridge Duty Free general manager Glenn Mills.

Provincial decision creates lower liquor prices at Duty Free

Kris Dubé
The Times

A decision made by the provincial government will allow cross-border travelers to take advantage of lower liquor prices at Ontario Duty Free Shops.

The move is a result of lobbying from Fort Erie's representative at Queen's Park Kim Craitor, along with Bob Bailey, a Progressive Conservative (PC) member of provincial parliament from the Samia-Lambton riding.

Last month, the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) announced it would be lowering markup on spirits, low-alcohol spirits and brandy in order to put alcohol pricing at Duty Free locations more in line with their neighbouring U.S. markets.

Craitor was approached by the Ontario Duty Free Association this past summer after he was shown a consultant's report conducted for the border-retail outlets that suggested if the LCBO reduced its markup, it would allow for its stores to compete a higher rate with alcohol prices in the U.S. and have a positive on the Canadian economy.

"One of the real challenges

they were having was the cost of alcohol," said Craitor.

At least once every two weeks since the summer, Craitor said he was in conversation with the premier along with the minister of finance, hoping to find a solution to the woes being felt by Duty Free Shops.

In the end, the request made by the Duty Free Association was granted and Craitor is glad he could play a role.

"I'm really pleased for them," said Craitor, who is also appreciative of the efforts made by PC member of provincial parliament Bob Bailey and the "partnership" they both took in the process.

"It's something we both talked about together," added Craitor.

Often people crossing into the U.S. at the Peace Bridge and other border gateways in Ontario, would wait until they made it through Customs until they bought their alcohol because of the lower prices. But with the latest development, it is expected this will subside significantly and more vacationers will stop at the Duty Free first.

This means more people will spend their money in Canada. That's the benefit of this," said Craitor.

Peace Bridge Duty Free general manager Glenn Mills said he is very "excited" for this news.

"We applauded the provincial government for making the right decision - not only for border cities like Fort Erie, but the Ontario economy," said Mills.

"This decision allows us to offer even more competitive pricing to our customers and gives us the opportunity to broaden our inventory with a more extensive range of products," added Mills.

Tania Lee, a spokesperson for the Ontario Duty Free Association, said she is thrilled that sales that would have otherwise gone south of the border will be retained for the Canadian economy. She also said it will create new revenue that will bring new employment opportunities and boost economic activity, not just in Fort Erie, but all over Ontario.

"On behalf of Ontario's land border Duty Free Shop operators, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for this decision," she said in a press release.

Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce president Stephen Passero agreed this is a positive announcement on more than one level.

"Any time we can keep dollars locally, it encourages our local economy, as well as the possibility for future job creation," said Passero.

He also said the Peace Bridge Duty Free is a prime example of an outstanding corporate citizen, considering these lower markup prices from the LCBO could have allowed them to simply increase their profit margin, but that is not the direction the border retailer has taken.

"Instead, they are turning these savings over to the consumer and ultimately the community," said Passero.

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Meteors' offense finding back of the net more often

Kris Dubé
The Times

Fort Erie Meteors director of hockey operations Tony Passero knew from the first game of the season that offense would not be an issue.

"I said right from day one, I didn't think we were going to have a problem scoring goals."

Last Saturday, the local Jr. B team hosted the Niagara Falls Canucks at the Leisurplex and were able to walk away with a 6-5 win in overtime in a heated battle against their QEW rivals, who sit in third place after last weekend.

Passero admits the squad has had some bad stretches since the season started 18 games ago but over the last few games he is becoming more satisfied with his team's play.

When they can find the back of the net six times in one match, that's definitely a good sign that things could be looking better as the year continues.

"If the guys up front are scoring, it will put a lot less pressure on us defensively," he said.

On Tues. Oct. 25 the Meteors faced their cross-border competition, the Buffalo Blades.

Although they didn't end up with the win on the score sheet, it was still a valiant effort as they out shot the Blades 49-29 in the 3-2 loss.

"We just couldn't finish," he said.

The Meteors have scored 63 times this year and are tied with the Port Colborne Pirates on that statistic. But on the other end of the ice, they have allowed 84 goals against, heading into Friday night's game against the St.

“We have to go on a winning streak to get some of those back.”

—Nik Passero

Catharines Falcons.

"That has to change," said Passero.

During the second period of Saturday's game against the Canucks, several penalties and misconducts were handed out. As a result, one of the team's top point earners, Brock Malatches, will be out for up to two weeks after a questionable move from a Niagara Falls player.

Passero said the Canucks gauged at Malatches' eyes and it has left him out of the line-up for a few games.

"There's no reason for that," said Passero.

Putting last Saturday's game in the history books, the director of hockey operations is looking forward to pulling off an upset or two this weekend against the Falcons (last night) and the Thorold Blackhawks on Saturday at home.

The Meteors have faced the Falcons once this year and were downed by a score of 9-4.

They have faced off against the Blackhawks twice already and lost both times, 3-0 and 9-4.

With the offense producing more than it was back when they were handed these losses, Passero says these two games could be a turning point.

"When you're at the bottom of the list, every team in

front of you is one to beat," he said.

"It should be a good weekend for us."

Passero's son Nik leads the team in scoring with eight goals and 16 assists.

He says the hunger for goals the team has this season is much different and it is starting to show.

"Last year, we had to constantly defend and we were in our own end a lot."

With additions like Jordan Bailey, Jesse Parker and Brock Malatches, Nik said it has been easier to find the back of the net and set off the goal light more.

"If you get them the puck, they're going to get it there."

He also looks forward to two big games this weekend and hopes they will be opportunities to clean up some of their tough losses.

"We have to go on a winning streak to get some of those back," said Nik Passero.

The Meteors face-off at 7:15 p.m. at the Leisurplex tonight against Thorold.

The team is also inviting local schools to bring students to games. Last week, a group from General Vanier Public School attended and tonight students from Fort Erie Secondary School will cheer on the home team.



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Fort Erie Meteor Jordan Bailey goes for the puck during last Saturday's 6-5 overtime win against the Niagara Falls Canucks.



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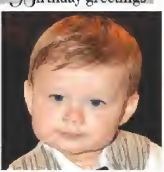
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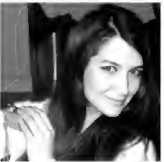
Noah Joseph Fazakas

November 1st

"We Love You"

Love, Mommy, Daddy, Big Brother Caleb, Grandma, Nana & Papa XOXO

Graduations



MORGAN MIDGLEY

The family of Morgan Midgley would like to congratulate her for her hard work in earning diplomas for Graphic Design from both Niagara College and George Brown College. We are very proud of you Morgan. Love from your family.

Engagements



MIDGLEY / WEGLARZ

The families of **Miranda Midgley and Nick Weglarz** are thrilled to announce their engagement. Miranda is the daughter of Michele and Gary Curtis and Carl and Carole Midgley. Nick is the son of Stan and Cheryl Weglarz. A December wedding is planned.

A Stag and Doe will be held in their honour on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at Fort Erie Golf Club Banquet Hall, 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Door Prizes and Late Night Buffet.

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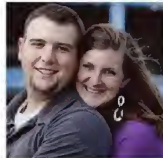
And Place A Card Of Thanks On This Page



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Forthcoming Marriages



The parents of **Miranda Nan and Andrew LaPlante** would like to announce their engagement and invite you to join them at their

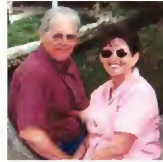
STAG & DOE

on Saturday, November 12th at the Ridgeway Legion at 7:30 p.m. A January wedding is planned.

Show everyone your appreciation.

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Anniversaries



Please join us at an

OPEN HOUSE

to celebrate

Bill and Sharon MacSweeney's 50th Anniversary

Sunday, November 6th from 2 to 4 p.m. Optimal Hall, 1555 Glenora Road, Fort Erie

Deaths

BURSEY, Caleb King - It is with heavy hearts that the family of **Web Bursey** announce his passing at the Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie on November 2nd, 2011. Loving father of Chantaine Bursey and Shari Bursey. Cherished grandfather of Michael, Jessica, Cole and Bryce. Proud great grandfather of Nicholas, Nolan and Joseph Caleb "JC". Caleb will be fondly remembered by his brother-in-laws, sisters and large extended family in Newfoundland. Caleb was an Educational Programmer with the Welland Museum. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Sunday November 6th, in the Benner Funeral Chapel from noon until the time of a Service to Celebrate his life at 1 p.m. www.bennerfuneralservices.com

Deaths

LIGHT, Cheryl May - On Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011, Cheryl peacefully passed away in her 71th year with her family by her side. Loving wife and best friend of Don, dear mother of Tom (Heather), Julie (Dave) Anthony and Stacie Light (Brian), cherished grandma of Hilary, Shannon, Eryn, Chlois, Zachary, Dakota, Gabriella and Lucas. Great grandma to Isabella and Landon. Sister of Bonnie Ann (Jack) Desautel and Faith (Ken) Edwards. Cheryl was predeceased by her parents Violet and George Doan and by her sister Louise Tenebray. Private funeral service to be held at a later time. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**. In memory of Cheryl, those who wish may donate to Palliative Care Unit at Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Send Her will raise you up on an eagle's wings, bear you on the breast of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and lead you in the path of His hand.
On line view our register
www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

LONG, Barbara Gale (Nurse at Green Acres for 27 years) - Passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer, on Sunday, October 30th, 2011 at Southlake Regional Health Centre at the age of 84. Loving wife of Dave Long. Cherished mother of Nick Hebboum, Dave Long (Louise Fitzgerald), Carly Long (Steph Martell), Tracey Smith (Ryan), Kim Long (Vic), Dear grandmother of Darin, Auktun, Peyton, Austin, Emily, Brandon, Tyler, Roxie, Alyssa, Kurlis, and the late Angel, Beloved daughter of Richard Hebboum and Gloria Irving. Dear friend of Celestina, Terry and Alice. Barbara will be greatly missed by her canine friend Ozzy, her family and extended family, and her friends. Dave would like to thank Dotsy Hebboum for her love and support through out.

Cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank the staff on the 5th floor and in the Palliative Care unit at Southlake Regional Health Centre for their wonderful care and support. If desired, donation to Southlake Regional Health Centre - Palliative Care Unit Arrangements care of **M.W. BECKER FUNERAL HOME LTD.** Kitchener 905-476-7771.

Online condolences may be left at www.mwbeckerfuneralhome.com

PLACE, Robert James (Bobby) - On Tuesday November 1st, 2011, Robert peacefully passed away at Douglas Memorial Hospital at the age of 69 years. Beloved husband of Grace, for 45 years, loving father of Chris and Shawn (Brian), cherished grandfather of Stephanie, Melissa, Olivia, Haley, Jamie and Michael. Loving son of Elsie Stroh and the late Harvey. Dear brother of Barb, Alice, Dave (Debbie), Helen (Rob), Joan, John and Tommy. Beloved law to Margaret (Jerry) DeMooy. Predeceased by sister Dawn, brother Harold, mother and father-in-law Melvins and Albert. Bobby will be deeply missed by many nephews, nieces and friends. Friends may call at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 22 Ridge Road, Ridge Way, Friday evening from 7 p.m. and on Saturday morning at Sherkenston Bethel in Christ Church, from 10:00 to 12:00 followed by a funeral service, in lieu of flowers, nice if flowers are donated to The Juvenile Cancer Centre. Sharing of memories, pictures and condolences at www.williamsfuneralhome.com



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Deaths



POTTER, James M. - Peacefully surrounded by his family at Douglas Memorial Hospital on November 2, 2011 in his 63rd year. Loving husband of Lorraine for 56 years. Father of Laura (Rosa) Edmunds, Diane (Terry) Tomalty, Patty Turke and Paula (Glan) Nobla. Cherished Papa of Russ (Debbie) Edmunds, Michelle Edmunds, Kaelin (Jordan) Nyerhuis, Joelle Tomalty, Phillippe Fournier, Alec Gardiner and Ian Gardiner. Papa Jim to Scotty, Sarah and Noah Edmunds. Brother of Wayne (Liz) Potter, the late Maryl (Hank) Connor. Predeceased by his parents Doris and Mervyn Potter. Brother-in-law of Jill (Larry) O'Guin, Marvyn (Doreen) McLeod and Roger (Lois) McLeod. Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Kim Scher, Elizabeth aka "Red", our visiting angel, Kim of CCAC, our Paramed workers and the EMS attendants. Their kindness, compassion and their genuine love for people will never be forgotten. Cremation has taken place with a private family inurnment to follow at a later date at Pleasantview Memorial Gardens, Fortnith. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Shriner's Children's Hospital would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to BUTLER FUNERAL HOME (53 Duke St., St. Catharines 905-684-2334). On-line condolences can be made at www.butlerduke.ca

*There's an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which each one must go alone;
And there is light we cannot see
Our Father claims his right.
Beyond the gate, our loved ones
Find happiness and rest.
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.*

Memorial Verse #38
To remember a loved one with this verse
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Deaths



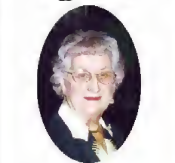
SCHUTTER, Mels - Mels passed away unexpectedly at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Sunday October 30, 2011 in his 71st year. Loving husband of Gerrie. Proud father of Madeleine Baxter. Cherished grandfather of Aaliyah Baxter and Lukas Baxter. Sadly missed by his brother John (Mona) and his sister Lena (Jo) Dreht. Also survived by his niece Cherie (Ed) Byrnes and nephews Robert (Mary Ann) Lawrence and Tom Lawrence. Mels was an Elder of St. Andrew's Knox Presbyterian Church, Fort Erie. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Tuesday from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Services were held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. If so desired, donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by this family.

*Every day, in some small way,
Memories of you come my way.
Though absent, you are ever near,
Still missed, still loved, and ever dear.*

Memorial Verse #4
To remember a loved one with this verse
Call 1-866-541-6757 Today



Deaths



WHITNEY, Gweneth Ruth - At Douglas Memorial Hospital, Fort Erie on Sunday October 30th 2011 aged 91 years. Beloved wife of 40 happy years to Bill Whitney of Fort Erie. Loving mother of John (Nancy) Morrison of Rutherglen and step-mother of William Jr. (Dorabach) Whitney of Edmonton, Alberta. Cherished Grandmother of Michael (Colleen), Daniel, Craig (Patti), Robert and Kenneth. Great-Grandmother of Heather, Amanda, Eric and Cora. Gweneth graduated from The University of Toronto as a nurse in 1941. "Queenie" worked for Canada Customs for 28 years retiring in 1975. The family received their friends at the **HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME**, 21 Wilmot Street, Fort Erie on Tuesday, 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Wednesday, November 2nd at 11:00 a.m. Interment McAffee Cemetery, Fort Erie. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. On-line condolences www.hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com

Card of thanks

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

NIGHT, Viola - The family of this late Viola Night extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those that helped in so many ways to make the days around her passing a bit easier. We were touched by those that sent flowers, food, donations and cards. The friends and colleagues as well as extended family that came to show support at the funeral home allowed us to know that during such times, our sorrow was divided amongst others. A special thank you to Pastor Steltink for his monthly visits at home and in hospital that evening. To the EBVPD for such a quick response and support and to Benner Funeral Services for making us feel so welcomed and putting our worries at ease. To Kathy the GNGH emergency room nurse, and the 2 nurses from 2C for thank you for all your help and compassion during such a difficult time. To the ladies of St. John's Lutheran Church and the pallbearers thank you for being there for us. To Rod & Kathy, Phil & Ethel, Dan & Dorothy, Rose, Donna and Margie, thank you for all the little extras over the past few years.

Sincerely,
Diane, Bev, Cheryl and their families

We treasure still with love sincere,
Beautiful memories of one so dear.

Memorial Verse #33
To remember a loved one with this verse
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In memoriam

Robert Arthur Newman
April 28, 1932 - November 11, 2010



A million times I've needed you,
A million times I've cried,
If love could have saved you,
You never would have died.
Things we feel most deeply,
Are the hardest things to say,
My dearest one, I loved you,
In a very special way.
If I could have one lifetime wish,
One dream that could come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart,
For yesterday and you,
Always in our hearts.
Your loving wife Minnie and Family



VINCE MONTIRONI

Remembering a Wonderful Husband,
Father and Grandfather who left us
8 years ago on November 10, 2005.

Today is remembered and quietly kept,
No words are needed, we will never forget
Deep in our hearts you will always stay
Loved and remembered every day.

Love Avelys, Carol, Richard, Tia,
Derrick, Anne Marie, Mike, Andrew,
Melissa, Cante, Claire and Michael

We are sad within our memory,
Lonely are our thoughts today.
For the one loved so dearly,
Has forever been called away.

Memorial Verse #17
To remember a loved one with this verse
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Darren Flagg
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All three of the Niagara Generals Football teams are hoping to advance to the provincial finals after this weekend. Seen here are local players and coaches in the system. In the back from left to right are coaches Dave Sauer, Ryan Timbers, John Swanigan, Troy Nichols, Craig Vanderklei. In the middle row from left to right are Josh Qua, Colin Howe, Isaiah Mackey, Dayle Schroeder, Jake Swanigan, Troy Nichols Jr., Mathieu Vanderklei. In the front row from left to right are Gabriel Loisel, Erik Timbers, Gavin Sauer, Andrew Vanderklei, Brandon Garwe. Absent from the photo are Hunter McKnight, Hunter Gilbert and Kyle Kassay. All three teams play tomorrow in Toronto.

Football program marching to success

Who are the Niagara Generals?

That's a question many in AAA Minor Football are asking around Ontario these days. The Generals are a competitive rep football program representing the Niagara area for kids aged 10-14.

The Generals program was started last year by Fort Erie's own Dave Sauer, the Generals' president and Atom team head coach. The Generals program consists of three teams, Atom (9-10), Peeewe (11-12) and Bantam (13-14). All three are members of Central Ontario Minor Football League (COMFL) which is an 11

team league comprising all of Toronto, Hamilton and Burlington as well as Niagara. The Generals play their home games at the new Kiwanis Field in St. Catharines.

The team consists of players and coaches from all over the Niagara region. The Atom Generals are currently undefeated heading into the playoffs and other football programs have certainly noticed as the Generals have won each game by no less than 25 points.

This Generals team also has a very strong Fort Erie look, with head coach Dave Sauer and assistant coach

Craig Vanderklei and Fort Erie players Isaiah Mackey, Gavin Sauer, Andrew Vanderklei, Colin Howe, Brandon Garwe, Erik Timbers, Troy Nichols, Gabriel Loisel and Dayle Schroeder. This Fort Erie group of kids all played summer league football for the Fort Erie Longhorns program, also led by Sauer.

The Peeewe Generals are also having a successful season with

th just one loss all season. They are represented from Fort Erie by assistant coach John Swanigan and players Jake Swanigan, Mathieu Vanderklei and Josh Qua. The Bantam Generals have

just two losses all season and has Fort Erie players Bryson Chisholm, Hunter McKnight, Kyle Kassay and Hunter Gilbert.

All three Generals teams are in the hunt for the COMFL league championship and will be competing this weekend in Toronto. The foundation of the Niagara Generals teams comes from the summer league teams in the Niagara Region Minor Football League, in which the Fort Erie Longhorns are a member. Information on both football programs can be obtained by reaching Dave Sauer at dsauer@teksavvy.com.

Jockey gets win 1,000

One of the most popular female jockeys in Canadian history made her way to the winner's circle for the 1,000th on Monday when Francine Villeneuve scored with Red Hot Doll in the Fan's Cup worth a purse of \$30,000.

In a post race interview, Villeneuve announced that she would retire from race riding after being actively involved in the Thoroughbred industry for over 20 years. "I am sad to say that tomorrow (closing

day at Fort Erie) will be my final day riding."

"I want to thank my fans, friends and family for all their support over the years. Fort Erie Race Track is my home and always will be," said the elated rider.

Villeneuve began her career on the racetrack in 1984 when she took a summer job as a hot walker at Woodbine in Toronto.

—Read the whole story at www.forterietimes.com



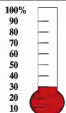
Jockey Francine Villeneuve earned her 1,000th career win last weekend.



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Bricks & Bouquets

If you have a brick or bouquet send it to editorial@forterietimes.com or phone 905-871-3100, ext. 210 and leave a message.

Bouquet To the warm and caring staff at the Douglas Memorial site who helped my mother Alice Burger during her recent stay there. She and her family appreciate the efforts and personal attention given by all. The Douglas Memorial deserves a round of applause and we are grateful it remains a vital part of the local community.

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Brick To whoever stole Halloween decorations off our lawn and porch last week. We live on Emerick Avenue, right across from the school. We love to decorate for the kids, and for ourselves. This has left me feeling jaded about ever decorating outside again. Among other items, the two most distinctive pieces, which are one of kind, were two prop heads from a play, an old man and an old woman with glasses. We are so disap-

pointed that something we put out for others to enjoy, has been taken from us.

Brick To the hockey parent at a local store on Sat Oct 29 for telling a cadet selling poppies that he shouldn't be there because he was taking money away from their hockey trip fundraiser. The veterans defended this country so that they could have the privilege of playing hockey. My father was gone two and a half years in the Second World War, and we collected papers, tin and aluminum for the war effort.

Bouquet To the United Brethren Stevensville Church who used their Sunday service time to rake up leaves for decorating outside again. Stevensville residents. Then the next night, the youth group was out trick or treating for canned food for the Salvation Army. Its nice to see people caring about their community.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

(1) OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING ON STREETS

ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS: In an effort to keep the streets free of vehicles during the winter months for snowplowing and sanding operations, residents are reminded that no overnight parking is permitted.

Traffic By-law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012".

The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. **Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.**

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Matt Richardson).

(2) NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE ACCESSIBLE PARKING STANDARDS

The development community and members of the public are invited to attend an Open House regarding the Proposed Accessible Parking Standards for New Development in the Town of Fort Erie on:

Tuesday, November 29th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Erie Town Hall,
1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario

The Town of Fort Erie has initiated a technical housekeeping amendment of the Town's Zoning By-law to update the requirements for accessible parking. The Town has conducted a review of its minimum standards for the provision of accessible parking spaces at new development. The objective is to enhance the Town's requirements for the minimum number of parking spaces and parking space dimensions to be consistent with provincial guidelines and municipal best practices while being fair to the development community.

Town staff will be available to address any of your questions, comments, or concerns.

For more information, please contact Matt Kernahan, MCIP, RPP, Senior Development Planner at: (905) 871-1600 extension 2507 or mikernahan@town.forterie.on.ca

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Fort Erie

Details of the 25th Anniversary
Rick Hansen Relay

November 15th and 16th, 2011



END OF DAY CELEBRATION: HISTORY IN MOTION

The Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee invites you to participate in this exciting community event. Join us at the Old Fort Interpretive Centre on

Tuesday, November 15th - doors open at 4:00 p.m. with the ceremony beginning at 4:45 p.m. Giveaways for the first 100 people. We encourage you to also cheer on the medal bearers along the relay route, which can be found on the Town's web-site at www.forterie.on.ca - click on Accessibility Advisory Committee under Quick Links. Be a part of this epic journey!

For more information contact the Town of Fort Erie at 905-871-1600 ext. 2201.

(4) TENDER ISF-05-2011

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie is inviting proposals to provide:

ARENA BOARD ADVERTISING SERVICES

Sealed proposals clearly marked as to contents will be received by Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk, Municipal Centre, Fort Erie ON until 2:00 p.m. local time on:

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2011

Specific project details and requirements are provided within the bid documents.

Questions concerning this project may be directed to Sean Hutton, Facilities Manager, (905) 871-1600 ext. 2430.

Effective February 1, 2011, all Town of Fort Erie's formal competitive bid opportunities, issued by the Purchasing Services Division will be posted on Bidding.com and organized by commodity. This service will provide businesses with a "one stop shop" for bid opportunities available from the Town of Fort Erie, as well as other organizations using www.bidding.com/forterie.

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(5) It's our job to keep your water safe!

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